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computer readable program code means for causing a computer to assign other portions of the table to one or more user-selectable graphics portions;

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to present one or more of the user-selectable graphics portions in the graphical user interface; and

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to enable a user to select the user-selectable graphics portion to present a table portion associated with the selected user-selectable graphics portion.

18. (Amended) The computer usable medium of claim 16 further comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to partition the table into groups of one or more portions of table;

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to select one or more portions of table; and

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to present one or more portions of table.

REMARKS

This is a response to an Office Action mailed March 14, 2002 (Office Action). The Office Action has been reviewed, and in view of the foregoing amendments and following comments, reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims pending in the application are respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-13, 15-18, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,664,127 issued to Anderson *et al.* ("Anderson"). Claims 14 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Anderson.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-13, 15-18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Anderson. Applicants respectfully disagree. In an attempt to advance prosecution, however, Applicants have amended claims 1, 6, 11, 13, 16 and 18 in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that a system for presenting table information, the table comprising a plurality of table portions, the table portions comprising a plurality of rows and columns, the system comprising: a table presentation module that presents one or more selected table portions in a graphical user interface; a user-selectable graphics presentation module that presents one or more user-selectable graphical portions in the graphical user interface, wherein each user selectable graphical portion corresponds to one or more table portions; and a user selection module for enabling a user to select the one or more user-selectable graphical portions to cause the presentation table to present a table portion associated with the selected one or more user-selectable graphical portions. Anderson does not disclose such a system.

The Office Action refers to item 260 of figure 2C of Anderson. Tab 260 of Anderson appears to enable a user to select different sheets of the notebook. In contrast, the invention of claim 1 relates to user-selectable graphical portion that are associated with different portions (e.g. rows, columns, cells or groups thereof) of a single table. Furthermore, user-selectable graphical portion of the claimed invention facilitates the system to display the selected portions of a single table.

Anderson appear to disclose a typical spreadsheet system with multiple sheets in a notebook. No where does Anderson appear to disclose a system comprising a table presentation module that presents one or more selected table portions in a graphical user interface; a user-selectable graphics presentation module that presents one or more user-selectable graphical portions in the graphical user interface, wherein each user selectable graphical portion corresponds to one or more table portions; and a user selection module for enabling a user to select the one or more user-selectable graphical portions to cause the presentation table to present a table portion associated with the selected one or more user-selectable graphical portions. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 are allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Dependent claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, and 17-20 depend from at least one of independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 and, therefore, contain the features recited in the independent claims. As discussed above, Anderson fails to disclose the features in the independent claims and, thus, necessarily fails to suggest or disclose the features in the dependent claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, and 17-20 are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 14 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Anderson. Applicants respectfully disagree. In an effort to advance prosecution, however, the Applicants amended independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16. Claims 14 and 19 depend from at least one of independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 and, therefore, contain the features recited in the independent claims. As discussed above, Anderson fail to disclose the features in the independent claims and, thus, necessarily fail to suggest or disclose the features in the dependent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 14 and 19 is improper for, at least, failing to provide a proper motivation to modify Anderson. The Office Action admits that Anderson fail to clearly teach that the portion comprises a single row. The Office Action further states "since the number of rows in depends on the amount of data needed to be presented in the portion of the table. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention was made, to implement the presenting of the single row portion table data." Applicants respectfully submit that it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention was made, to apply the teachings of the Anderson for a system as claimed in the invention as evidenced by the lack of a suggestion to do so in the cited art. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 14 and 19 are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the undersigned stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

It is believed that no other fees are due in connection with filing this Response. In the event that it is determined that fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Docket No. 23452-074.

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APPENDIX-I VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE IN THE CLAIMS

1. **(Amended)** A system for presenting table information, the table comprising a plurality [of rows] of table portions, the table portions comprising a plurality of rows and columns, the system comprising:

a table presentation module that presents one or more [portions of a table] selected table portions in a graphical user interface; [and]

a user-selectable graphics presentation module that presents one or more user-selectable graphical portions in the graphical user interface, [each user selectable graphical portion representing other portions of the table] wherein each user selectable graphical portion corresponds to one or more table portions; and

a user selection module for enabling a user to select the one or more user-selectable graphical portions to cause the presentation table to present a table portion associated with the selected one or more user-selectable graphical portions.

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. The system of claim 1 wherein the user-selectable graphics portion comprises a tab.

4. **(Cancelled)**

5. The system of claim 1 wherein the user-selectable portions comprise a data display;
and

further comprising an editing module that enables a user to edit data in the data display of one or more of the user-selectable graphical portions.

6. **(Amended)** A system for presenting table information, the table comprising a plurality [of rows] of table portions, the table portions comprising a plurality of rows and columns, the system comprising:

table presentation means for presenting one or more [portions of a table]
selected table portions in a graphical user interface; [and]

user-selectable graphics presentation means for presenting one or more user-selectable graphical portions in the graphical user interface, [each user selectable graphical portion representing other portions of the table] wherein each user selectable graphical portion corresponds to one or more table portions; and

user selection means for enabling a user to select the one or more user-selectable graphical portions to cause the presentation table to present a table portion associated with the selected one or more user-selectable graphical portions.

7. (Cancelled)

8. The system of claim 6 wherein the user-selectable graphics portion comprises a tab.

9. (Cancelled)

10. The system of claim 6 wherein the user-selectable portions comprise a data display;
and

further comprising an editing means for enabling a user to edit data in the data display of one or more of the user-selectable graphical portions.

11. (Amended) A method for presenting table information [comprising:], the table comprising a plurality of table portions, the table portions comprising a plurality of rows and columns, the method comprising:

partitioning a table into one or more portions;
selecting one or more of the portions and presenting the one or more portions
[one or more of the portions] in a graphical user interface;

assigning other portions of the table to one or more user-selectable graphics portions; [and]
presenting one or more of the user-selectable graphics portions in the graphical user interface; and
enabling a user to select the user-selectable graphics portion to present a table portion associated with the selected user-selectable graphics portion.

12. **(Cancelled)**

13. **(Amended)** The method claim 11 wherein the step of partitioning the table comprises partitioning the table into groups of one or more [rows] table portions and wherein the step of selecting comprises selecting one or more table portions and [wherein] the step of presenting comprises presenting one or more [rows] table portions.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the step of presenting comprises presenting a single row.

15. The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of presenting data in one or more of the user-selectable graphics portions to identify the table portions to which that user-selectable graphics portions is assigned.

16. **(Amended)** A computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for presenting table information [in portions comprising:], the table comprising a plurality of table portions, the table portions comprising a plurality of rows and columns, the medium comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to partition a table into one or more portions;

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to select one or more of the portions and present the one or more portions [one or more of the portions] in a graphical user interface;

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to assign other portions of the table to one or more user-selectable graphics portions; [and]

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to present one or more of the user-selectable graphics portions in the graphical user interface; and

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to enable a user to select the user-selectable graphics portion to present a table portion associated with the selected user-selectable graphics portion.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Amended) The computer usable medium of claim 16 further comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to partition the table into groups of one or more [rows] portions of table; [and]

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to select one or more portions of table; and

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to present one or more [rows] portions of table.

19. The computer usable medium of claim 18 wherein the step of presenting comprises presenting a single row.

20. The computer usable medium of claim 16 further comprising computer readable program code means for causing a computer to present data in one or more of the user-selectable graphics portions to identity the table portions to which that user-selectable graphics portions is assigned.